

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document and the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 in the next action.

The title of the invention is objected to because the Examiner asserts that the title is not descriptive of the invention to which the claims are directed. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the title. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection.

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because claim 11 is a separate invention than claim 1 and claims 12-15 are a combination of apparatus and method. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-15 to improve clarity. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the rejections of claims 1-15.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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